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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Inventor(s):

Gerard W. Ernst, et al.

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Examiner: To Be Assigned

TITLE

APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR CLEANING OBJECTS  
HAVING GENERALLY  
IRREGULAR SURFACE  
FEATURES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to examination,  
without prejudice, as set forth below:

**In The Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 with  
the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This is a divisional of Application Serial Number 09/624,627  
filed July 24, 2000. The present application is related to U.S. Application  
Serial Number 09/624,628, filed July 24, 2000 (now abandoned), by Thomas  
Albano, et al , and entitled, "Apparatus For Neutralizing Electrostatic Charges  
On Generally Irregular, Undulating Surfaces;" and U.S. Application Serial  
Number 09/624,878, filed July 24, 2000, by Gerard W. Ernst, et al., and  
entitled, "Apparatus And Method For Cleaning Objects Having Generally  
Irregular, Undulating Surface Features." --

**In The Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-8.

**REMARKS**

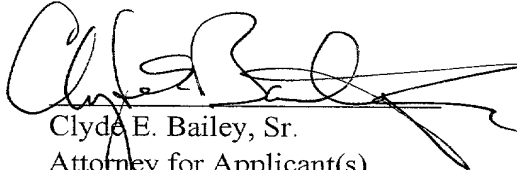
Applicants herewith file a Divisional Application. Claims 1-11 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-8 have been canceled. Claims presently active are claims 9-11.

An action on the merits of the claims is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

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**In the Specification:**

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 has been amended as set forth below:

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filed July 24, 2000. The present application is related to U.S. Application  
Serial Number [(Docket 81261), filed \_\_\_\_\_,] 09/624,628, filed July 24,  
2000 (now abandoned), by Thomas Albano, et al., and entitled, "Apparatus  
For Neutralizing Electrostatic Charges On Generally Irregular, Undulating  
Surfaces;" and U.S. Application Serial Number [(Docket 80986), filed  
\_\_\_\_\_,] 09/624,878, filed July 24, 2000, by Gerard W. Ernst, et al., and  
entitled, "Apparatus And Method For Cleaning Objects Having Generally  
Irregular, Undulating Surface Features."

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-8 have been canceled.